terms provided under the contracts for the discovered field PSCs. The obligation to pay cess on crude oil at the rate of Rs. 900 per tonne rests with the contractors.

Demand and supply of CNG in Delhi

†3748. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that requirement of CNG in Delhi for buses is 12 lakhs kg. per day whereas its supply is only 5.80 lakhs kg. per day;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have decided to increase the availability of CNG to meet the requirement of transportation in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details of such quantity to be made available and by when the supply will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No Sir. The approximate requirement for the CNG buses in Delhi is about 3 lakh kg. per day. Availability of CNG is 6.04 lakh kg. per day, which is being dispensed from 94 stations in Delhi.

(c) and (d) IGL has started the work of augmenting its CNG infrastructure to supply 16.1 lakh kg. per day of CNG as directed by the Court, in phases by March 2003.

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